

Eight Babies Dead of Poison; Others Dying

Oxalic Acid Placed in Milk for Infants in Brooklyn Semi-public Institution.

CHALLENGESBOURNE "IN OLD-TIME WAY"

North Carolinian Demands Redress for "Insulting" Remarks, Ancient Taft Nominations.

Dr. J. J. Moit, a lifelong Republican of North Carolina, who has taken little exception to Senator Bourne's remarks on the President's withdrawal of territorial nominations for North Carolina, declared last night that he is ready to face the Oregon Senator and settle the matter in the "good, old-time way."

ask him to send me his, with the request that if he will promise to send me the first one he gets out of the District of Columbia and at a point where I can join him and see the length of his eye lashes, and we will go over his thing face to face. Dr. Mott says that the KKK is at night.

The statement that Dr. Mott received follows:

Mr. Bourne says that the rumors that the action was for the purpose of securing delegates favorable to the renomination of President Taft, and that the purpose was to secure at possible adoption by States of my Presidential preference bill, which would make the President's name on the Federal machine, so far as enabling a President to renominate himself or designate his successor is concerned, is a gross misstatement of the office the sole measure of the retention of the incumbent.

He has rumored a gross misuse of patronage, says Senator Bourne, "must necessarily receive great credence among the country, despite the assurances of those remembering the famous KKK letter. The purchase of votes for money debauches, but two individuals, and the purchase of votes for Federal patronage debauches not only the individual patron but the transaction itself, which every thoughtful man must not only deprecate, but abhor."

In sending out his "good, old-time" letter to Senator Bourne, Dr. Mott last referred to him as a man who had disgraced the country and the office of his helms. He did not say what he intended doing with Senator Bourne when

SCORE OF MINERS PERISH IN SHAFTS

Fire in Oklahoma Workings En-
tombs Men, Many of Whom
Are Suffocated.

Lehigh, Okla., Feb. 22.—Between twenty and forty miners employed in the coal mine of the Wichita Coal and Mining Company, one mile east of Lehigh, lost their lives today when fire broke out about noon in mine No. 5, entombing the men in the pits.

smoke and the failure of the machinery to work prevented their rescue. At 11 o'clock to-night six bodies had been recovered from the mine, and the work was still being pushed. The fire is still raging in the mine, and it is not believed that any of the men within the shafts can be alive. The number of those in

When the fire broke out at noon, the disaster was spread through the mine of the miner, and more than 100 miners either walked out or were carried out by rescuers. A large number of unconscious suffocation, were revived after reaching the fresh air. The work of the rescue being pushed by the rescue party of the United States government rescue station at McAlester.

Crushes Him.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Tom Gunn, the Chinese aviator, was seriously injured at the Emeryville race track aviation meet this afternoon, when his aeroplane fell a distance of 100 feet. Gunn fell under the machinery and was badly crushed. The

If You Are a Late Sleeper
 You don't have to go to New York at night. Take the Baltimore & Ohio sleeping car to Union Station at 10:30 p. m. You have the advantage of sleeping until 9:30 clock next morning.

OF HISTORY

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Jumel, Lady Hamilton, Sarah
de Maintenon, Heloise, Queen
are ably depicted in next Sun-
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[Signature]

**Woman Patient, Believed
Insane from Grief at Loss
of Child, Is Under Sus-
picion--Deaths Have Been
of Daily Occurrence.**

New York, Feb. 22.—Two infants died last Sunday of what appeared to be spinal meningitis, in the Infants Hospital of the Brooklyn Nursery, a semi-public institution.

Two more perished on Monday with the same symptoms. The authorities of the place were puzzled, but seemingly not alarmed.

On Tuesday two more tiny lives were extinguished, and on Wednesday another, making seven.

But not until this morning, when five more babies were found suffering in the same manner and likely to die at any time, was the matter reported to the coroner of a close examination made of the circumstances.

To-night, just when the eighth infant died, the hospital physicians and outside experts came to the startling conclusion that the dozen dead and dying babies had been poisoned. An autopsy performed upon several of them showed their stomachs bore traces of some corrosive acid, probably oxalic, which was given them with their milk.

Investigation by a squad of detectives proved that oxalic acid was the only poison to which easy access might be had in the hospital. Also, they learned a quantity of that deadly drug was purchased a short time ago, and there was a bottle of strong solution of it standing in a closet close by a gallon jug of lime water, which is put into all the milk consumed by the infants.

For about nine hours, until well into last evening, the detective interrogated every person in the hospital. When they were through they declared that they had learned of some things that were "mighty queer," but they hadn't enough evidence to arrest any one. When they departed, a couple of policemen were placed on guard to see that no one went away from the place. A woman em-

"It's pretty certain that the placing of the poison in the babies' milk was not an accident," said one of those in charge of the investigation. "But we cannot act definitely until we find out from a chemical analysis of the stomach contents just exactly what poison was

The hospital takes both pay patients and children who are committed by the courts. The infants, however, are mostly those of poor parents.

BRANDT INQUIRY HALTED BY DIX

Governor Gives New and Unexpected Turn to Case of the Former Schiff Valet.

Albany, Feb. 22.—Gov. Dix late to-day gave a new and unexpected turn to the case of Folke Eagle Brandt, the former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, by suspending the investigation begun last week by Judge Hand, whom the governor ap-

This action by the governor is regarded as another victory for Brandt. Du Laney Nicoll and Alton B. Parker, attorneys for Schiff, had insisted that Schiff and Hugard S. Gann, his former counsel, appear as witnesses before Commissioner Hand, but this move was vigorously fought by District Attorney Whitman, who declared that both Schiff and his

attorney were liable to indictment by the grand jury for conspiring to send Brandt to prison, and therefore should not have the advantage of possible immunity at the hands of the commissioner. Commissioner Hand came to Albany today to consult the governor on this point, but instead it was decided to suspend the investigation.

Sustaining the contention of Brandt's

attorneys that the decision of Justice Gerdard in the Habana corpus writ nullified the commissioner investigation. The governor in his statement to-day expressed his conviction that his "power to have a hearing" conducted in a matter pertaining to an application for clemency does not exist."

**W. H. Bounds Despondent, Fearing
He Had Tuberculosis.**

Laurel, Md., Feb. 22.—Walter H. Bounds committed suicide here to-day by taking cyanide of potassium at the store of Frank Miller, not far from his home. Mr. Bounds was thirty-seven years of age, and had been ill for some time.

Dependancy because of the fear he had contracted tuberculosis and his financial troubles was thought to have caused him to take his life.

Mr. Bounds was an engineer in the Equitable Building, Baltimore, where he worked at night, returning to his home here every morning.

His wife, Miss Estelle Hoady,

Staunton, Va., Feb. 11.—The big automobile fire engine ordered by the city several months ago from the Robinson Fire Apparatus Manufacturing Company arrived here to-day. The machine is the most powerful of the kind built, and when the first demonstration is made by the manufacturers' officials from Washington, D. C., Robinson and company

Rockefeller in Good Health.
TAIRYTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Letters received here to-day from John D. Rockefeller, who is now at Augusta, Ga., state that he is enjoying the best of health.

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ONE DOLLAR
BARGAIN DAY
Monday, February 26

On this day many of Washington's leading merchants will offer rare bargains for one dollar—such values as could not and would not be offered at any other time. The merchants are already evincing great interest in this great sale day, as mentioned in the issue of The Herald February 21, and the multitude of anxious buyers who value the "money saving idea" will appreciate this opportunity. Watch the columns of The Herald for added items of interest, and don't forget to procure a copy on Monday, February 26, in which will appear the advertisements and a complete list of the items offered for this one day.

Largest Morning Circulation.

the advantage of sleeping until
o'clock next morning.

**TEN MOST BEAUTIFUL
WOMEN OF HISTORY**

To name the ten most beautiful women of all time is no easy task, and is one that might well deserve the effort of a most learned scientist, sculptor, or artist.

Lillian Russell has applied herself to the task, and after a painstaking study of famous beauties has selected Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, Mme. Recamier, Betty Jumel, Lady Hamilton, Sarah Duchess of Marlborough, Mme. de Maintenon, Heloise, Queen Esther, and St. Elizabeth.

The lives of these ten women are ably depicted in next Sunday's Washington Herald by

Russell

William H. Hall
